

1995-96

Wichita Budget at a Glance . . .

- The 1995 Budget assumes a very modest property tax decrease.
- The total adopted 1995 Budget (all funds) is \$247,437,800 compared to the 1994 Budget of \$229,570,920. The projected 1996 Budget is \$252,425,420.
- General Fund operating expenditures total \$119,890,910 in 1995, compared to \$113,683,690 in the 1994 budget. The projected 1996 General Fund budget is \$123,896,000.
- The City's 1995 tax levy will be 31.3 mills, compared to the current 31.5 mills. For every dollar in property taxes paid, approximately 28 cents will be received by the City to pay for municipal services.
- Police service enhancements include local matching funds to retain 12 existing and provide 10 additional new Police field positions. These positions are in addition to the 20 locally funded Community Policing officers allocated in 1994.
- Other increases in Police programs/services include six new staff positions for the new North and South Police substations, Community Policing training, Police equipment, and the Police Reserve program.
- Court funding is increased for additional Probation staff and presentence investigations.
- An additional 500 street lights in designated high crime areas will be added in 1995/96.
- A previously approved water rate increase of 6% has been reduced to 3% for 1995. A previously approved 8% sewer rate increase for 1995 will remain in place.
- Building permit fees are scheduled to be reduced 10% from the current 15% discount to a 25% discount from standard permit fee rates.
- Local Sales Tax is budgeted at \$32.5 million, of which \$16.3 million will be used to reduce property taxes by the equivalent of 10.7 mills.
- Other budget increases to address the City Council's goals and strategies are also included in the budget.